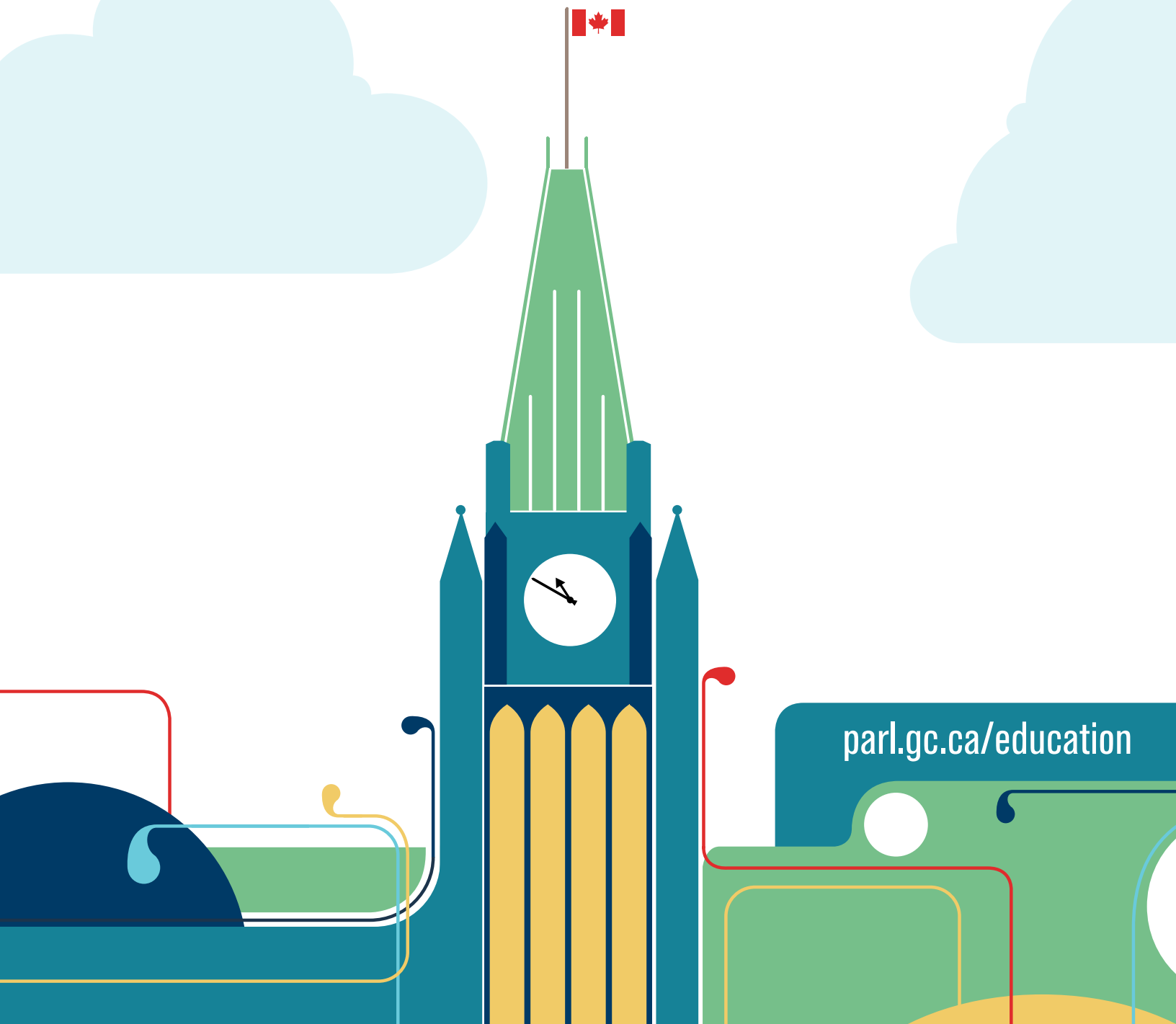




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DISCOVER OUR RESOURCES

Looking for inspiration for teaching civics, history or another subject? Need activities and lesson plans to help your students understand governance?

The Parliament of Canada can help, with free tools for teachers and students of all ages.

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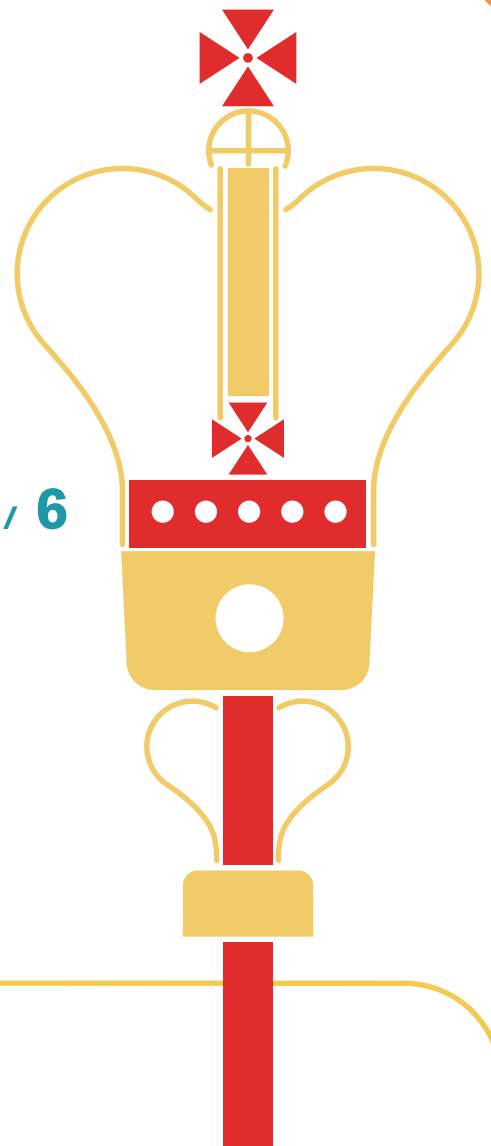
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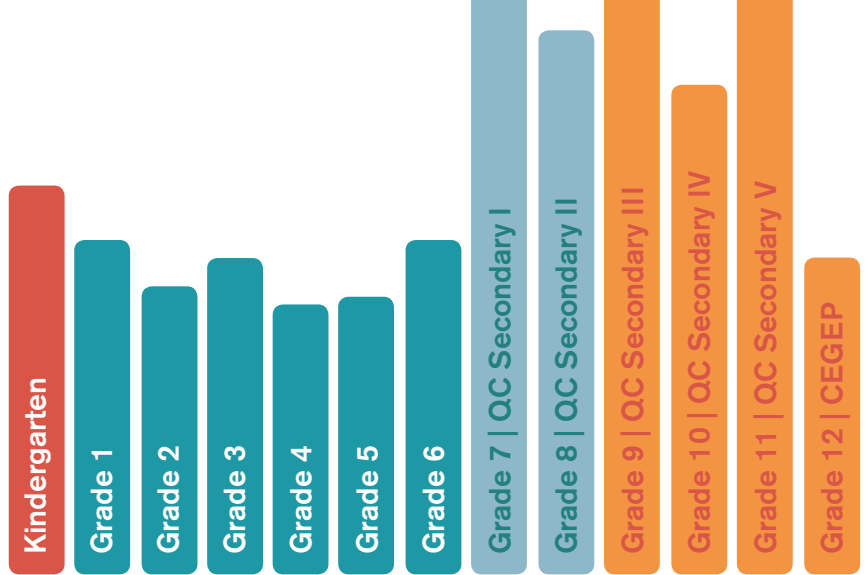
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Activity	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7 QC Secondary I	Grade 8 QC Secondary II	Grade 9 QC Secondary III	Grade 10 QC Secondary IV	Grade 11 QC Secondary V	Grade 12 CEGEP
Searching for Symbols	●	●	●	●									
Bill on the Hill					●	●	●	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Parliamentary Committee Simulation					●	●	●			●	●	●	
Explore Our Country, Our Parliament						●	●	●	●	*	*	*	*
Setting the Agenda							●	●	●	●	●		
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Discover How Canadians Govern Themselves									●	●	●	●	●
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CLASSROOM PUBLICATIONS

FAQs about the Senate of Canada								●	●	●			
Get to Know the House of Commons								●	●	●			
At Work in the Senate								●	●	●	●	●	●
At Work in the House of Commons								●	●	●	●	●	●
Our Country, Our Parliament								●	●	*	*	*	*
How Canadians Govern Themselves									●	●	●	●	●

SCHOOL TOURS

General tour	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Searching for Symbols	●	●	●	●									
Follow That Bill								●	●	●			

▲ *Bill on the Hill* may be adapted to older learners, in grades 7 to 11 (QC Secondary I to V).

* *Our Country, Our Parliament* and the associated web resource can be adapted to ESL and FSL students in grades 9 to 12 (QC Secondary III to CEGEP).

ONLINE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



Teacher's guide



Associated publication



Handouts



Glossary



Activity sheets



Video



Role play



Games/puzzles/
quizzes

CONNECT PLAY EXPLORE

Learning about Parliament and Canadian democracy is fun and easy with these dynamic activities. Most can be adapted to different grade levels. Explore the full range to find the best fit for your class.





Searching for Symbols

parl.gc.ca/symbols



Bill on the Hill

parl.gc.ca/bill



Parliamentary Committee Simulation

parl.gc.ca/comsim



K to Grade 3
QC Primary cycles 1 + 2

Introduce young learners to Parliament with simple games.

Using games and storytelling, this resource familiarizes students with:

- Parliament and the Canadian government
- Icons like the maple leaf, fleur-de-lis and thunderbird
- Concepts of symbolism and identity

Did You Know?

If your class is in Ottawa during the school year, you can take a special tour of Parliament based on *Searching for Symbols* or *Bill on the Hill*. See page 10 for details.

Grades 4 to 6
QC Primary cycles 2 + 3

Guide Bill on his interactive journey from creation to Royal Assent!

How are laws made in Canada? Working individually or in groups, students are challenged to:

- Create a bill of their own choosing
- Move it through all stages of the legislative process
- Debate, think critically and make complex decisions

Tuning In

Looking for videos about Parliament? Visit us at youtube.com/parlyouth

Grades 4 to 6 and 9 to 11
QC Primary cycles 2 + 3 and Secondary cycles 1 + 2

Discover the important work done by parliamentary committees.

In this simulation, you and your students stage a committee meeting to study a mock bill. Participants:

- Learn about a key step in the legislative process
- Improve their oral presentation skills
- Work collaboratively

Role Play

The activity includes role cards for up to 30 people. Depending on their interests, students can be Senators, MPs, witnesses, clerks or journalists.



Explore Our Country, Our Parliament

parl.gc.ca/explore



**Grades 5 to 8; ESL and
FSL students Grades 9 to 12
QC Primary cycle 3;
Secondary cycles
1 + 2 and CEGEP**

**Encourage your students
to understand Canada's
parliamentary democracy and
how it impacts them.**

With games, videos and activities, this comprehensive resource makes learning about governance easy. Choose from the following themes for your class:

- Confederation and the Constitution
- The federal, provincial and municipal levels of government
- Elections and voting
- The roles of the Crown, Senate and House of Commons
- The national capital and the Parliament Buildings
- How to get involved

Teachers' Tip

Use the Word Builder to boost your students' vocabulary. It may be especially helpful for those learning English as a second language.



Discover How Canadians Govern Themselves

parl.gc.ca/discover



**Grades 8 to 12
QC Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP**

**Help your students understand Canada's system
of government through puzzles, games and more.**

Based on the popular publication *How Canadians Govern Themselves*, this in-depth resource highlights three main themes:

- Canada's democratic system, from 1608 to the present
- How government affects our daily lives
- How Parliament works: its structure, process and key players

Who's in charge?

Play *Touchpoints* to learn how Canada's three levels of government influence your and your students' lives.



Setting the Agenda

parl.gc.ca/agenda



Grades 6 to 10
QC Primary cycle 3 to
Secondary cycle 2

Make tough choices to plan a day in the life of a parliamentarian.

What's it really like to be a Senator or an MP? This dynamic activity requires students to juggle professional and personal commitments in real time. Participants:

- Learn what parliamentarians do, in and outside of the Chamber
- Establish goals and priorities
- Develop their organizational skills



Parliament in the News

parl.gc.ca/news



Grades 7 to 12
QC Secondary cycles
1 + 2 and CEGEP

Find out what the news communicates about Parliament and its impact on citizens.

In this activity, students research news stories (either online or in print) and consider what they have to say about Parliament. A range of activities encourages learners to:

- Better understand the parliamentary system
- Connect to and interact with their representatives
- Become informed and conscientious readers



Model Parliament Unit

parl.gc.ca/mpu



Grades 10 to 12
QC Secondary cycle 2
+ CEGEP

Transform your classroom into a mock parliament!

This immersive simulation can be adapted to different grade levels and class time. With a range of options available, it is designed to meet your class's needs and interests. Participants:

- Learn how democracy works
- Develop research and presentation skills
- Learn how to negotiate and debate

Pop Quiz

You can also use this resource to put your students' knowledge to the test. Look out for parliamentary trivia questions throughout the activity.


Keep It Going

Try using this resource as a basis for further assignments, like writing an article about Parliament or keeping a news diary.

True to Life

To make sure that students' experience is as realistic as possible, the unit includes scripts with the actual wording used in Parliament.

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The Teachers Institute is an intensive professional development program. Participants spend a week at Parliament, gaining an insider's perspective on civic life in Canada and exchanging ideas with fellow educators from across the country.

You will



- **Learn** from political, procedural and pedagogical experts
- **Discuss** key issues in citizenship and parliamentary democracy
- **Develop** strategies for teaching Parliament, democracy, governance and citizenship
- **Take** what you learn back to your classroom

Highlights



- **Meet** parliamentarians, including the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons
- **Hear** from parliamentary experts, senior parliamentary officials, journalists and lobbyists
- **See** Parliament in action

“This is a one-of-a-kind experience. I can’t wait to go back to my classroom and inspire my students with a passion for democracy.”

- Teacher from Alberta

“An amazing opportunity. I am leaving with multiple ideas to share and teach.”

- Participant from Saskatchewan

How Do I Apply?

To learn more and apply online, visit parl.gc.ca/teachers

CLASSROOM PUBLICATIONS



You and your students will get to know Parliament with these booklets, guides and other publications. Free class sets can be ordered online at parl.gc.ca/order

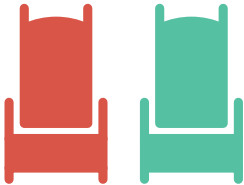
FROM CLASSWORK TO HOMEWORK



FAQs about the Senate of Canada Get to Know the House of Commons

Grades 4 to 6 / QC Primary cycles 2 + 3

Designed to appeal to young readers, these pamphlets provide a simple overview of the Senate and House of Commons in question-and-answer form.



At Work in the Senate At Work in the House of Commons

Grades 7 to 12 / QC Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP

These colourful brochures feature detailed photos of the two Chambers of Parliament, explaining who's who and the work they do.

Pages and Pages about Parliament

Looking for even more information? Visit the Teacher Resources corner at parl.gc.ca/education for online publications, including fact sheets, articles and booklets.



Our Country, Our Parliament

**Grades 5 to 8; ESL and FSL students grades 9 to 12
QC Primary cycle 3; Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP**

Our Country, Our Parliament offers in-depth information about Canada's system of governance, with accessible content designed for younger readers.

A complementary online resource is available. See page 4.



How Canadians Govern Themselves

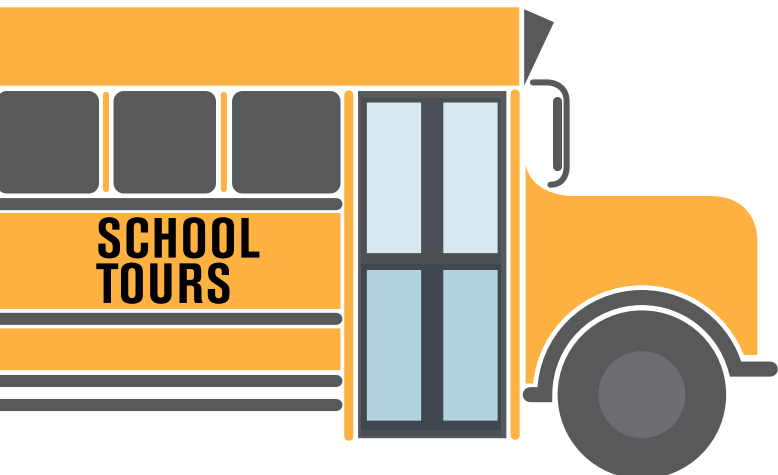
Grades 8 to 12 / QC Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP

This comprehensive publication gives older students a deeper understanding of democracy, government and the history and functions of Parliament.

A complementary online resource is available. See page 4.

Did You Know?

The Parliamentary Boutique also offers products and resources of interest to teachers. Go to parl.gc.ca/boutique to browse the selection and learn about ordering.



EXPERIENCE PARLIAMENT IN PERSON

Are you planning a class trip to the National Capital Region? Make sure to include a guided tour of Centre Block!

Group tours are offered free of charge and must be reserved in advance. Please plan ahead, as demand is high and availability may be limited.

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND:

General Tour

All grade levels

Students of all ages will discover the history, functions and art of Parliament on a guided tour. Content can be adapted to match the age and interests of your class.

AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER TO APRIL:

Searching for Symbols

Kindergarten to Grade 3

QC Primary cycles 1 and 2

Young students will play a game of “I Spy” on this interactive tour, which challenges them to identify and learn about Canadian symbols in Centre Block.

Follow That Bill

Grades 4 to 6

QC Primary cycles 2 and 3

This role-playing tour teaches students about the legislative process as they guide “Bill” on his journey through Parliament to become a law.

Complementary resources are available online. See page 3.

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